

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-16 are pending.

Claim 8 is allowed.

Claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-16 were rejected.

Claims 1-4 and 10-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

Claims 5-7, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1-5 and 10-16 are canceled.

No new matter is added.

Claims 6-9 remain in the case for consideration.

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 8 is allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4 and 10-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chang et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,180,454 (“Chang”).
Claims 1-4 and 10-16 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 5-7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang in view of Oka et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,235,563 (“Oka”).
Applicant traverses the rejection.
Claims 5-7 and 9 have been amended to depend upon allowed claim 8.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 6-9 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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